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We are particularly honored this afternoon by the presence of Lord Radcliffe, and by his willingness to address us.

I know too well his reputation for modesty to introduce him in such terms ~~as he~~ as he thoroughly deserves. But, having said this, I shall permit myself some license in commenting briefly on certain aspects of his career.

I believe it is universally acknowledged in England that our Chief Guest has one of the finest legal minds ever known to his eminent profession. Added to his distinction as lawyer and judge, is a long record of successful and unselfish public service. Whether it be a Committee inquiring into the Monetary and Credit System, Security Procedures and Practices, the Constitutional Commission for Cyprus, the Punjab and Bengal Boundary Commissions, and a host of others, he will usually be found to have been its Chairman.

But in even broader fields, he has attracted admiring and unsought attention. As a critic and collector of paintings, Trustee of the British Museum, Member of the Court of London University, Chairman of its Board of Governors for the School of Oriental and African Studies, and in many other capacities, he has displayed a versatility of talent and an informed curiosity that is truly extraordinary.

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